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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 3135

CANBERRA FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: POSSIBLE ATTEMPT AT ARSON IN EMBASSY RESIDENCE

1. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR REWIRING EMBASSY RESIDENCE FOUND 28 BLOCKS OF A PHOSPHOROUS COMPOUND CALLED "META" FIRE LIGHTER PLACED INSIDE A WALL OF THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THIS SUBSTANCE IS LOCALLY PRODUCED AND COMMONLY USED FOR STARTING FIRES AND BARBECUES.

2. APPEARS THAT THE "META" BLOCKS WERE PLACED IN THE WALL BY REMOVING AN ELECTRICAL SWITCHPLATE AND PLACING THE BLOCKS INSIDE THE WALL.

3. ARSON POLICE AND PROTECTIVE AGENTS INVESTIGATING FOUND AND ADDITIONAL BLOCK IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA INSIDE THE WALL. THEY ALSO FOUND AN ADDITIONAL CLOCK UNDER THE PAVILION SECTION OF THE RESIDENCE.

4. POST WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY RESULTS OF POLICE INVESTIGATION. IT APPEARS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE BLOCKS
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WERE PLACED IN THE WALL AS PART OF A PLAN FOR ARSON

IN THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

5. THIS INCIDENT, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE RECENTLY
DISCOVERED PLOT TO BLOW UP THE RESIDENCE OF THE INDIAN
HIGH COMMISSIONER, HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT THAT DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS IN WELLINGTON, ONCE CONSIDERED COMPLETELY SECURE,
MAY BE INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST THREATS.
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